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LEGISLATORS HONORED BY ARKANSAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Last week at its fall meeting in Little Rock, the Arkansas Judicial Council presented the First Branch Award to three state legislators:

Sen. Bill Pritchard (R-35), Elkins;

Rep. Kathy Webb (D-34), Little Rock; and

Rep. Robert Moore (D-12), Arkansas City.

The annual award, which was created in 1992, recognizes legislators for their outstanding service in providing improvement to the administration of justice in Arkansas.

Judicial Council is the official body which represents Arkansas's judiciary. It is composed of all of the Supreme Court justices, Court of Appeals judges, all judges of the state's circuit courts, retired justices and judges, and the director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. It was organized "to foster and preserve the integrity, dignity, and independence of the judiciary; to promote uniformity and dispatch in judicial administration; to develop, implement and maintain a program of judicial education pre-assisting members newly elected or appointed to the bench; to provide continuing legal education for members accommodating the diverse needs of chancellors, circuit judges and appellate justices; and to select members to the Judicial Retirement Board."

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